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Note verbale dated 11 September 2015 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to inform it that, after having examined the content of the report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (A/HRC/30/38) and the addenda thereto, the Republic of Albania would like to express its concern regarding the wide use in these documents of the phrase "Serbia, including Kosovo".

This phrase is uncommon and outdated and, most importantly, in no way reflects the current political context and spirit of cooperation in the region. In addition, the way it is structured in an addendum to the above-mentioned report (A/HRC/30/38/Add.1), where the same legal or technical aspects are being analysed on an equal footing, but separately for each country, makes the use of the phrase "Serbia, including Kosovo" obsolete.

The Republic of Albania would like to offer its cooperation and flexibility in order to find another formulation to accommodate the concern expressed above, and to bring these documents into line with international standards, reflecting the current spirit of cooperation in the region.

The Republic of Albania kindly requests the Office of the High Commissioner to circulate the present note verbale as a document of the thirtieth session of the Human Rights Council.

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